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Dear Sir:

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Enclosed are:

- (1) Specification (22 pages including title page; claims & abstract)
- (2) Four (4) Sheets of Informal Drawings [Figs. 1-4]
- (3) Declaration and Power of Attorney
- (4) Declaration Verifying Small Entity Status
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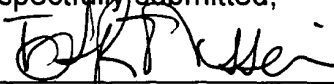
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